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## **JODY L. PULLEN, CARBONDALE, FOUND GUILTY IN APRIL 12, 2019, CARBONDALE SHOOTING INCIDENT**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Jackson County Jury returned guilty verdicts on Jody L. Pullen, Jr., age 28, of Carbondale, Illinois, for Attempt First-Degree Murder, four counts of Aggravated Battery With a Firearm, and two counts of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, following an eight-day jury trial in the Jackson County.

The charges against Pullen arise from an April 12, 2019, shooting incident which occurred in downtown Carbondale. The jury heard evidence that Pullen was a passenger in a vehicle driven by his fiancé with his one-year-old child. As they were sitting in a drive through at ABC Liquors, an argument ensued between Pullen and other individuals who were parked across the alley situated between the liquor store and the Tres Hombres beer garden. The State produced a surveillance video which depicted Pullen pulling a firearm out of the window of his vehicle and firing multiple shots in the direction of the individuals. Pullen continued to fire the weapon as his vehicle backed out and fled from the scene. Crime scene and forensic evidence linked bullets from Pullen's firearm to gunshot wounds to two of Pullen's intended victims as well as those to two patrons of the restaurant. Vehicles which had passengers inside were also linked to Pullen's weapon.

Pullen will remain in the custody of the Jackson County Jail without bond pending sentencing.

Attempt First-Degree Murder is a Class X felony which normally carries a potential sentence of between six (6) and thirty (30) years in prison. However, because the charge against Pullen in this case includes an allegation that he personally discharged a firearm that proximately caused great bodily harm or permanent disfigurement to another person, Pullen faces a potential sentence of between thirty-one (31) and fifty-five (55) years in prison. Aggravated Battery with a Firearm is a Class X felony which carries a potential sentence of between six (6) and thirty (30) years in prison. Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm is a Class 1 felony which normally carries a potential sentence of between four (4) and fifteen (15) years in prison. However, Pullen faces a possible extended term sentence of between four (4) and thirty (30) years in prison on those charges.

The investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department, the Illinois State Police Division of Forensic Services, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, and the U.S. Marshal Service. Assistant State's Attorney Jayson Clark was responsible for the prosecution.